

## BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or	)	
	)	CONSENT ORDER OF
Revocation of the Educator Certificate of	)	
	)	SUSPENSION
Bobby C. Neal	)	
	)	
Certificate 904213	)	

### SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 11, 2006. On May 19, 2006, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) sent Bobby C. Neal a notice of his right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate 904213 by regular and certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery. Upon receipt of that letter, Mr. Neal requested a hearing, but subsequently agreed through legal counsel to waive his right to a hearing and to accept a fifteen-month suspension of his certificate. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to order the suspension of Mr. Neal's certificate, under the agreed upon terms as outlined in this Order.

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### FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Neal holds a South Carolina certificate with over six years of teaching experience. During the 2005-06 school year, Mr. Neal was employed by the R.D. Anderson Applied Technology Center as a Photography Instructor. Mr. Neal resigned from his employment with the Center on April 28, 2006, following allegations that he had downloaded and stored partially nude photographs of women on his school computer.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

“The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that the information presented supports its determination that just cause exists to suspend Mr. Neal’s certificate from April 28, 2006, through July 31, 2007. If Mr. Neal wishes to have his certificate reinstated at the end of the suspension period, he must make a written request to the Department’s Office of General Counsel.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/Joe Isaac

Joe Isaac

Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

October 11, 2006

I, Bobby C. Neal, S.C. Educator Certificate 904213 do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board of Education for approval on October 11, 2006.

/S/ Bobby C. Neal  
Bobby C. Neal

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